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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Box PCT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification,  
claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5 and add new claims 6-10 as follows:

--6. A communication arrangement for connecting together  
a plurality of nodes, said arrangement comprising:

A1  
Sub B2